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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:EAIR, OVIP, NI, LI

SUBJECT:CIVAIR: BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS AND  
PRESIDENT'S VISIT

REF: A) LAGOS 2651 (NOTAL); B. MONROVIA 1500 (NOTAL)

1. ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT THAT WE WISH  
TO SIGN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,  
AND IN BOTH CASES BEFORE THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN COUNTRY.

2. FOR LAGOS: YOU SHOULD INFORM FMG THAT WHILE WE RECOGNIZE  
IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, WE DO NOT WISH TO REDUCE  
LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO PRESIDENT FOR AN EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS ON MORE TOPICAL AND IMPORTANT ISSUES. IF FMG IN-  
SISTS AGREEMENT BE SIGNED DURING VISIT, AND IF YOU CON-  
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CLUDE THERE IS NO HOPE OF CONVINCING FMG OTHERWISE,  
YOU MAY MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE AGREEMENT  
SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER GARBA NOT, RPT  
NOT, THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL OBASANJO. YOU SHOULD MAKE  
IT CLEAR THAT WE VIEW THIS ALTERANTIVE ONLY AS A LAST  
RESORT AND GREATLY PREFER THAT AGREEMENT BE SIGNED PRIOR  
TO VISIT.

3. FOR MONROVIA: WE HAVE NOTED RESERVATIONS OUTLINED IN GOL NOTE OF FEBRUARY 28 (REF B), BUT FIND THEM UNACCEPTABLE. NEGOTIATIONS PRODUCED A COMPROMISE IN WHICH BOTH SIDES YIELDED PART OF THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS. TO ALTER WHAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AGREED TO BY THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION AND THE DELEGATION CHAIRMAN IS INAPPROPRIATE. IF IT WOULD HELP SECURE LIBERIAN AGREEMENT TO TEXT INITIALED OCTOBER 28, YOU MAY SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AS NEGOTIATED, DURING VISIT TO LIBERIA APRIL 3. HOWEVER, IF THE LIBERIANS INSIST ON THEIR RESERVATIONS, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT YOU MUST REFER TO WASHINGTON FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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